SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: The Home Minister cannot tell on the basis of press reports.

SHRI M.M. JACOB: I am not relying on that. I am only drawing your attention to the reports. I am only supporting you. When you refer to press reports also, I have said that I am also aware of it, but I am not relying on it. I am relying on the fact that five people were already sacked. That is a factual information. In the same way, the Governor's report. Three aspects of the Governor's report are also worrying me. One is, as you correctly said, the law and order situation. That is a very serious thing. Another thing is the uncertainty of majority of any party. That was also one of the reasons which he said. There is uncertainty of the party situation there. Thirdly he says that peaceful administration may not be carried out by the Ministers and the M.L.As and that the Ministers and the M.L.As are presurrising for plum posts. Ministers and M.L.As want plum posts; Ministers want portfolios to be changed. A Minister with one portfolio wants another portfolio. So this Government cannot continue. What else could we do? If we do not invoke article 356 at this stage, certainly this House would have come and asked me as to what were we doing when such a situation existed, when law and order were in jeopardy, when security is not there, when Ministers are vying with one another for plum posts. You would have asked me as to why we are not invoking article 356. Some would have accused me for the failure of not invoking article 356. That is the scenario which forced us to immediately assess the situation and take a view that to save the situation and to save the people of Nagaland and to ensure a good government in Nagaland and to ensure safety and security and to prevent insurgency in the North-East, the only alternative is President's rule and a successful President's rule with a good government for the people of Nagaland. That is why I am before you. Thank you.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now that closes the matter. We will have answer to the half-an-hour discussion now.

HALF-AN-HOUR DISCUSSION ON POINTS ARISING OUT OF THE ANSWER GIVEN ON 5TH MARCH 1992 TO UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1285, *RE:* ORDERS PENDING WITH HEC RANCHI—*CONTD.*

THE MINSTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): Madam, I have been waiting in this House for last 14 hours but I will try to finish within four minutes.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Good; I am happy.

SHRI P.K. THUNGON: Without going into the details of the points which the hon. Members raised regarding the H.E.C., I would like to come to the main points. The hon. Member raised a vital question whether we are going to close the H.E.C. or we are going to revive it. I would like to assure the House that we are not going to close the H.E.C.

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR (Bihar): Are you going to revive it?

SHRI P.K. THUNGON: Once it is not closed, it means we would certainly try for revival, and if you want further details, I can come to it later.

The second question was whether the headquarters will be changed or shifted from Ranchi to Delhi. I can assure the hon. Member and this august House that we are not going to shift the headquarters from Ranchi to Delhi.

The main point which was raised by the hon. Member was about the recommendation made by Kapoor Committee that Rs. 66 crores should be made available to H.E.C. for revival and for purchase of raw materials. We have got the recommendation and we have sent it for further necessary action to the Ministry of Finance. Now it will depend upon the availability of budgetary support and budgetary provision.

A few more points were raised. I must dispell some of the wrong feelings of the hon. Member. He felt as if we have promoted, rather we have rewarded the CMD who failed in the H.E.C. and we have sent him to Hindustan Machine Tools. I would like to dispell this feeling. For the information of the hon. Member

I may say that when H.E.C. made profit, in that year, for half of the year the acting Chairman was Mr. Nyogi and for the other half of the year, it was Mr. Gupta.

That means, Mr. Gupta continued from October, 1985 to September, 1988, and from September, 1988 onwards in that year Mr. Neogi was the Acting Chairman. And the year in which the HEC made profit or showed profit was 1988-89. If you want me to say how it made profit, I can tell you that in that year, in the beginning of that year there was a capital restructuring proposal, and that proposal was accepted by the Government, and Rs. 319.64 crores was written off. As a result of that action of the Government, in 1988-89 the company showed profit. Otherwise, continuously, right from the inception it had a very sorry state because every year they have been making loss. In the years 1975-76 and 1976-77 they made some profit, but those were emergency years.

Another point the hon. Member raised was that the loss of the company has been piling up more every year, and he attributed this as if this is due to our New Industrial Policy. I would like to dispel this point of view, Madam, because, if you see the loss made during the last three years, you can see that the gallop of the loss was so high that in the year before last year the gallop of the loss was Rs. 46 crores, and last year, that is , 1990-91 the gallop was Rs. 66 crores, and you will be glad to know, Madam, that we have been able to arrest this trend of the high gallop of loss because in 1991-92 the gallop will be a little over Rs. 6 crores only. So, the hon. Member's contention that every year it has been making loss and that this year we have made more loss is absolutely not tenable because we have rather, as a result of the implementation of the New Industrial Policy, arrested the trend of the high gallop of loss.

SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH (Bihar): But my information is that in 1991-92 the actual loss is Rs. 140 crores. Kindly confirm this. I am telling you the latest information which I have got.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: He is giving you his information.

SHRI P.K. THUNGON: Well, the information I have till date is this, and I am trying to share it with the hon. Member. I am sure that the gallop of loss is being reduced this year.

I think I must also mention a little bit about the situation in the HEC. The number of employees we have are 17,500. The expert committee asked us to reduce the manpower further because if we cannot reduce the redundant manpower, the loss will keep on piling up, and a turning around of the industry may not be possible. Therefore, we have proposed to send about 5,000 workers under the VRS. To start with, in this year, the hon. Member will be glad to know, we have given so far Rs. 20 crores for the VRS.

This is besides what has been recommended. This VRS is going to be implemented as soon as possible. That is why I have already allotted. I think I have dealt with most of the points.

SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH: Madam, only one question.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No.

SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH: Only one question. My information is that he has provided only Rs. 10 crores for that, but the Expert Committee has already recommended to you for Rs. 46 crores and you have recommended Rs. 66 crores. So, what is the latest position?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: He has said and I have heard it that he has made recommendations to the Finance Ministry and he is depending on the Finance Ministry for the sanction. I heard it. You did not. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI P.K. THUNGON: Just to clarify to him, I would say in two sentences only. Let me give the break-up of this Rs. 66 crores. This Rs. 66 crores consists of Rs. 46 crores for revival and Rs. 20 crores for purchase of materials. It amounts to Rs. 66 crores.

श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह: मैडम, मैं एक सवाल पूछना चाहता हूं....(**व्यवधान**)

श्री सुरेन्द्रजीत सिंह अहलुवालिया (बिहार): मैडम, अब जरा इन कर्मचारियों की हालत देखिए, इनको बस नहीं मिलेगी, कुछ नहीं मिलेगा। हो गया भाई...(**व्यवधान**)

श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह: बिहार की बात है, एक

सवाल करने दीजिए...(**व्यवधान**) इतनी देर में तो मैं पूछ लेता।

I think he has satisfied Mr. Ashwani Kumar also. Revival problem is over. That is enough.

श्री अश्विनी कुमार: उपसभापति महोदया, जैसा कि मंत्री महोदय ने कहा कि इन्होंने 66 करोड़ देने की बात अप्रैल अंत तक कही है जो सिफारिश है, तो दूसरी सिफारिश उसी के साथ उस कमेटी की है कि जून अंत तक और 43 करोड़ देने की बात की जाए, उसके बारे में मंत्री महोदय क्या करेंगे? तीसरा एक प्रश्न पूछना चाहता हूं कि इन्होंने कहा कि स्टाफिंग बहुत ज्यादा है और मेरी जानकारी है कि ओवरहैड हॉस्पिटल टाऊनशिप के ऊपर 18 करोड़ रुपए प्रतिवर्ष का है। यह जो सारा फालतू खर्चा है, इसको खत्म करने के लिए सरकार क्या कर रही है?

उपसभापति: आप चिट्ठी में जवाब दे दीजिएगा जो आपके पास नहीं होगा तो।

श्री रजनी रंजन साहू (बिहार): मैडम, मेरा एक छोटा सा सवाल है, मंत्री जी साथ ही साथ उत्तर दे देंगे।

उपसभापति: चिट्ठी में इनको भी जवाब दे दीजिएगा।

श्री रजनी रंजन साहू: मेरा एक छोटा सा प्रश्न है कि .....

SHRI P.K. THUNGON: I have all the details.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Because the Minister is prepared and the Members have been sitting here. It is now almost 11.35. If the Members are not satisfied and if there are certain queries, I would request the Minister to kindly send the details to the Members.

श्री रजनी रंजन साहू: मैडम, एक ही प्वाइंट मेरा है। इनसे पूछना यह है कि क्या मंत्री महोदय को मालूम है कि 700 करोड़ रुपए का आर्डर उसके पास है और उसको फाइनलाईज़ करने के लिए इनके पास कोई व्यवस्था है जिससे वह कंपनी फिर रिवाइव हो सकती है।

श्री अश्विनी कुमार: यह हो चुका। आप दोहरा रहे हैं। शंकर दयाल भाई पूछ चुके हैं।

श्री रजनी रंजन साहू: इसका जवाब कहां दिया उन्होंने? 400 करोड़ रुपए फोरन एक्सचेंज की बचत होती है।

SHRI P.K. THUNGON: I have got all the information. I thought I need not have to take much time of the august House at this late hour. That is why I did not go into details. Otherwise in one stretch I could have finished. Since the hon. Members want to know, I would like to state that the recommendation of the Committee is not enough for providing funds, but certain actions also have to be taken, inclusive of the points which the hon. Member has raised. There are a lot of overhead charges. Those overhead charges have to be reduced. And there is a tradition in that industrial township that so many things are given on concession. Those have to be reduced and the work culture has to be developed. Madam, I have all the details. I have had personally three review meetings of HEC during the last six months. I have met almost all sections of the union leaders. Besides that we have requested, we have asked our management there to sit down with the major unions as well as all sections of the minor unions to negotiate with them and to have suggestions from them so that the work culture can be improved. Therefore, on the 3rd of March the meeting took place. I have got the minutes of those meetings both from the management as well as from the union side. They have agreed that they will unanimously work hard and they will make all efforts together to revive this very important industry.

I have not left the matter there itself. We have a middle level officers' union. They are also very important. So I had told them that their views should also be taken and their suggestions should also be taken. They have held consultations with them and those minutes are also with me. They have also agreed that they will cooperate and make all efforts to revive the HEC.

Now, after having reached this stage, it was our duty to find out what should be done. Therefore, I had asked them to submit a proposal from their side and they have given the proposal. On the basis of that it can be made more viable.

On the basis of that proposal, Dr. Kapur Committee was constituted. The hon. Member will be glad to know that in that Committee a former Chairman of HEC, Mr. P.S. Gupta is also a member. I have asked him to be a member of the Committee. This Committee is going through that proposal. They have

submitted only a part of the recommendation. The final recommendation will be coming. We have asked them to please do something quickly so that we can start with the work. Therefore, on the 25th March, they have submitted preliminary sort of recommendations. The final recommendation has to come. Once that final recommendation comes, we will certainly do all possible to revive it.

About the order book position which the hon. Member raised...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let both the Members ask their questions, then, you can reply to them together.

SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH (Bihar): I would like to know your reaction on Plan investment in Public enterprises in the Budget which you have presented this year. Last time for Heavy Engineering Corporation, it was Rs. 10 crores, Rs. 5 crores for equity and Rs. 5 crores for loan. This time it has come down to Rs. 3 crores, Rs. 1.5 crores for loan and Rs. 1.5 crores for equity. How do you expect Heavy Engineering Corporation to function in this way?

Number two, HEC's share in the resources of public enterprises, last time it was Rs. 0.5 crore and Rs. 0.5 crore. That means it was Rs. 1 crore. This year the internal resources is zero. How do you expect the HEC will function in that way?

Last thing which I would like to ask you is, you had given a list of almost 50 public sector enterprises in which HEC does not figure, why?

श्री राम अवधेश सिंह (बिहार): उपसभापति महोदया, मैं आपके प्रति बहुत आभारी हूं कि आपने मुझे इस विषय पर बोलने का अवसर दिया। आप लोगों के प्रति भी आभारी रहूंगा...

उपसभापति: आप सवाल पूछिए... **(व्यवधान)**

श्री राम अवधेश सिंह: आप सीरियस बात को हल्के में मत लीजिए। जब शंकर दयाल सिंह जी बोल रहे थे तो...

एक माननीय सदस्य: तो आप सो रहे थे ...**(व्यवधान)**

श्री राम अवधेश सिंह: ये दो बार बोले। मैं इनकी बात को नोट किया हूं। यह एच०ई०सी० को बीमार बनाने में भारत सरकार ने जो पब्लिक सैक्टर हैं...

उपसभापति: आप सवाल पूछिए। आप भूमिका में मत जाइए। जैसे इन्होंने सवाल पूछा है वैसे पूछिए...

श्री राम अवधेश सिंह: यह बात उन्होंने नहीं कही। हम एक एक करके सवाल ही पूछ रहे हैं...

डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय (उत्तर प्रदेश): लोहिया जी ने क्या कहा था? ...**(व्यवधान)**

श्री राम अवधेश सिंह: लोहिया जी ने जो कहा था वह तुम्हारे दिमाग में नहीं आएगा। तुम्हारे नेता के दिमाग में बात नहीं आई तो तुम्हारे दिमाग में क्या आएगी... **(व्यवधान)**

मैं पूछ रहा हूं कि यह पब्लिक सेक्टर में जो दो बड़े कारखाने बने थे, एक तो एच०ई०सी० और दूसरा भेल, ये दो ऐसे कारखाने थे जिनकी भारत के निर्माण में बड़ी अहम भूमिका थी। यह इंडस्ट्रियल पालिसी के अंदर जो नव-निर्माण होगा, ये दोनों कारखाने देश में कारखाने बनाने का काम करेंगे, इसके लिए ये कारखाने बनाए गए थे। लेकिन जो हमारी सरकार के मंत्री हुए और अफसर हुए इनकी यह नीति रही कि पब्लिक सेक्टर का हित न हो, प्राइवेट सेक्टर का हो, इनकी नीति यह रही कि बाहर से सामान खरीदो और अपने देश के जो बुनियादी कारखाने थे, इनसे सामान न खरीदकर बाहर से लो और इनको मारो। यह उदाहरण मैं दे रहा हूं। राऊरकेला का माडर्नाइजेशन हो रहा है...

उपसभापति: एच०ई०सी० की बात करिए... Otherwise, I won't permit you.

श्री राम अवधेश सिंह: जिस विषय पर बात हो रही थी, शंकर दयाल सिंह जी ने यह हाफ ऐन अवर किया था...

उपसभापति: आप एक मिनट सुन लीजिए। इरेलेवेंट लगे तो कहिए। आप एच०ई०सी० के बारे में सवाल पूछिए तो ठीक होगा।

श्री राम अवधेश सिंह: महोदया, एक ओर तो यह कहा जा रहा है कि यह काम नहीं कर रही है। बाहर वालों को काम देंगे तो यह मरेगा कि नहीं? वहां पर अनइंप्लायमेंट हो रहा है। साधन नहीं हैं। पैसा सरकार देती नहीं है। दो करोड़ दो या अधिक दो तो इनको काम मिलेगा। पब्लिक सेक्टर को आप काम देंगे नहीं, उसके पास साधन नहीं हैं ..**(व्यवधान)** तो मैं कह रहा था कि 93 करोड़ का काम इनको दिया गया। आर०एस०पी० के माडर्नाइजेशन में 60 करोड़ उनको मिला और 33 करोड़ बिरला टेक्निकल सर्विसेज को मिला जिसमें एक नट बोल्ट भी नहीं बनाया जाता है। वह दूसरों से खरीदकर आर०एस०पी० को देते हैं। इनके पास काम नहीं है। यह अनइंप्लायमेंट फेस कर रही है। माडर्नाइजेशन वह अपने प्लांट का नहीं कर रहे हैं, नया इक्विपमेंट नहीं लगा रहे हैं। बाहर से सरकार ने काम देना बंद कर

दिया। जब इनको काम नहीं मिलेगा तब यह सरवाइव कैसे करेगी?

उपसभापति: जो मेरी समझ में आया है वह यह है कि आपकी कंपनी जो है वह लॉस में इसलिए चल रही है कि अफसर पब्लिक सेक्टर अंडरटेकिंग्ज को काम नहीं देते हैं, वह काम बाहर देते हैं, प्राइवेट पार्टीज़ को। आपको नहीं देते हैं। आपको देना चाहिए।

श्री राम अवधेश सिंह: मैं एक और बात बता रहा हूं कि कैसे मारा जा रहा है एच०ई०सी० को। मैं उदाहरण दे रहा हूं। एक नया काम इसको देंगे। यह कहा कि हम कंटीनुअस कास्टिंग मशीन खुद बनायेंगे, बना सकते हैं आर०एस०पी० में। हम 270 करोड़ रुपये में बना देंगे। लेकिन यह क्योंकि बाहर की कम्पनी को, रूस की कम्पनी को 450 करोड़ रुपये में देने को तैयार हैं और एस०ई०सी० को 270 करोड़ में भी देने को तैयार नहीं है। **(व्यवधान)**

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: His question is that your company is running in loss, Why other public sector undertakings are not giving it to you?

राम अवधेश जी वह जवाब दे रहे हैं। आपकी बात का वह जवाब दे रहे है, वह समझ गये है आप क्या कह रहे हैं।

He has understood it. He has followed your point.

SHRI VISHVJIT P. SINGH (Maharashtra): Madam, may I say something before the Minister speaks because you will adjourn the House after the Minister finishes his speech? May I just point out one thing? it is very late. The staff of the House is still awake. They still have to go to their homes. There is no bus service for them. There was no provision of food for them. It is highly objectionable. Some arrangement ought to be made. They should be compensated for this in one way or the other. This is not fair on them. We all have some method of going home. We all have our food waiting for us at home. This is not fair on the staff. Some method has to be evolved by which the staff can be compensated or paid or sent to their homes. (*Interruptions*)

Something should be done. I think, the whole House agrees with me.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The whole House agrees with what Mr. Vishvjit Singh has said and I would like the Table people to tell the Secretary-General that he should make arrangement for the transportain of the staff and also, for their food.

जैकब साहब आपने मेम्बर लोगों के खाने का इंतजाम किया है?

SHRI VISHVJIT P. SINGH: Some kind of overtime allowance should be paid to them.

श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह: मैडम, पहली बार शायद ऐसा हुआ है कि 9 बजे के बाद सदन की कार्रवाई चल रही है और कोई व्यवस्था सदस्यों के लिए और स्टाफ के लिए नहीं हुई है।

श्री विश्वजित पृथ्वीजित सिंह: पहली बार नहीं हुआ **(व्यवधान)**

श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह: ठीक है पहले भी हुआ है। माफ कर दीजियेगा। पहले भी हुआ होगा, गलती के लिए माफ कर दीजियेगा। कहिये तो पांव पकड़ू। लेकिन आज की बात मैं कह रहा हूं कि 9 बजे के बाद प्रायः इस सदन की बात हो या उस सदन की इस तरह की व्यवस्था होती थी। लोगों को यहां पर खाना खाना हो तो खा लें। बहुत दिनों के बाद मैं आज देख रहा हूं कि कहीं इस तरह की व्यवस्था नहीं है। पहले स्टाफ और मेम्बर्स दोनों के लिए व्यवस्था होती थी। यह मेरा कहना है।

SHRI P.K. THUNGON: Madam, I would like to state that during the last few years, the order book position was very poor and that was one of the reasons for this sickness. I entirely agree with the hon. Member on this point. That was one of the reasons why the company went into loss. But as a result of our intervention, the Government's intervention, this year, that means during 1991-92, the order book position is very satisfactory. it has now got Rs. 700 crores worth of orders. The hon. Member will be happy to note that out of orders worth Rs. 700 crores, Rs. 400 crores worth of orders are import substitution. This is one of the main aspects which I think, all sections of the House will appreciate.

About Mr. Digvijay Singh's question why HEC has not come in the sick list, I would like to state that as per SICA, the Sick Industrial Companies Act 1985, the company has to make cash loss continuously for two years and then the net worth should be minus. This list is based on 1989-90. Since it made profits in 1988-89 and since two years were not over, it has not come in that list. But

later on, it will come. It will come in the sick list in the next year's report. For the information of the hon. Members, it has already been referred to the BIFR. (*Interruptions*)... It has already been referred to the BIFR. The other point was about allocation that last year there was some allocation and why it is not so this year. As I have already stated, because of the reason that it has been in the sick list this year, it is difficult on our part to assure the allocation. That is why we need some kind of recommendation or some kind of proposal so that with the new proposal we can go to the Finance Minister. That is why I am saying that we are not going to close the companies or undertakings. (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH: Madam, ...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Shankar Dayalji, please don't interrupt. This is not the way. (*Interruptions*)... This is not the way. (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI P.K. THUNGON: I have said that we are not going to close. (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let him answer. He is answering. I think, whatever you have asked he has answered.

SHRI P.K. THUNGON: Therefore, since I have already said that we are not going to close the industry, I think the hon. Members will be satisfied. I think, I have done my job.

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THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, Half-an-Hour Discussion is over. I thank the Members, the Table staff and other staff, the people inside and outside, those in the press gallery and everyone concerned—those who are here and those who are not here before us—for being so co-operative and specially those new Members who took oath today. They have been very, very obedient, good Members sitting here quietly listening. I hope this would be habit—forming and you will be sitting till the last. So, I thank all of you for your co-operation in this session. Now, I am going to read out how much work we did. We did a lot of work. I hope that many festivals are coming. There will be Id; I wish you Id. There will be Gudi Padva; I wish you Gudi Padva. There will be Baisakhi; I wish you Baisakhi. There will be new year for Andhra and Tamil Nadu and any other festival is there, I wish everybody a very, very happy inter-session during this period. I wish Mr. Jacob rest, at least partial rest. (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI M.M. JACOB: Thank you very much. (*Interruptions*)...

AN HON. MEMBER: About food arrangements...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We complained to him and the next time he should not do that. (*Interruptions*)...We can adjourn the House without reading the list. (*Interruptions*)...The House is adjourned *sine die*. Thank you very much.

The House then adjourned *sine die* at fifty-four minutes past eleven of the clock.